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January 26, 1968

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Georgian Hotel for a luncheon meeting on Friday, January 26, 1968 at 1:00 o'clock. Present from the Board were: Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, Miss Natalie Boccock, Miss Janette Browning, Clinton Adams, Dr. T.J. Harrold, W.W. Wier, A.C. Patterson, Marvin Perry, Mrs. J.B. Neighbors and Sarah Maret. Representing the Clarke County Commissioners were all members, David Firor, George Bullock and Hugh Logan. Attending from the State Department of Education was Miss Roxanna Austin.

The invocation was given by David Firor.

After lunch, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Mendenhall. She welcomed the state visitor, the commissioners and the board members. She reported that it was necessary for Miss Lucile Nix, who had planned to attend the meeting, to stay in Atlanta since the legislature was in session and that heads of services had to be available to attend budget hearings in case they were needed. She also said that Mr. Wilson, chairman of the Expansion Committee, was unable to attend due to a recent bout with the flu, but that he wished her to express his preference of the Patrick property for the site for the proposed library building. This property is in the urban renewal area and has been reported as being available by the Urban Renewal Office.

Miss Austin was introduced to the group. She gave a detailed report of steps necessary before a grant of state funds might be applied for for a new library building. In brief these were: 1. The Board must be ready to match dollar for dollar the Federal grant for construction. 2. The library must show clear title to a suitable site for the library. Miss Austin commended the Board and the Commissioners for successfully carrying the bond election and for securing a sufficient amount of money to build an adequate facility. She also commended the Board for having taken many of the necessary steps toward securing the grant. The next deadline for submitting applications, she noted, is February 28, 1968. After that the following deadline is August 31. The largest grant available is \$250,000. The state has been allowed to carry over money from the last fiscal year and there would be no difficulty in securing the money if the application came in before the February deadline. She said, however, that after that there is no assurance that the state would have the money available in a sizable grant. The next step for the Board to take is to secure the site and employ an architect. The library is fortunate in already having its program written by its Library Consultant, Jean Cochran.

Mr. Bullock, chairman of the committee to secure a site for the library was called upon next to make his report. He reported that his committee has had one meeting to consider sites for the library. No sizable tract of land in the business district is available and since the Old Post Office would also not be available, his committee had sought land in the urban renewal area. He reported that he had talked with Paul Hodgson, Director of Urban Renewal, and he had said that one site was available at present. This was the land on Daugherty Street, bounded by Lumpkin and Strong Streets and was known as the Patrick property, also as A-8, U.R. location Project 51. A map showing the property and its position in relation to the business district was shown. Miss Maret reported that she had asked the Northeast Georgia Area Planning and Development Commission to make a recommendation concerning the location of the new library. She read part of a report she had received from Gordon Dixon of the Commission who made the study. This report was favorable

to the property described by Mr. Bullock. Dr. Harrold moved that site A-8 U.R. Project 51 (Patrick) property be recommended by the library board to the County Commissioners for purchase as the library site. Motion was seconded by Mr. Patterson. Motion carried. This recommendation is to be made to the Commissioners at their first meeting in February. This action met with the approval of the commissioners present..

Chairman Mendenhall expressed her appreciation to Miss Austin for coming to the Board and bringing the information about the part the state and federal government would play in the new building. She also expressed appreciation to Mr. Bullock for the work he had done on the site committee and for the cooperation the board had always received from the commissioners. It was the consensus of opinion that the February 28th deadline would be attempted so that we may be assured of securing federal funds.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

*Dorothy E. Thwait*  
*Secretary*

Immediately following the Board meeting several of the board members and Mr. Bullock accompanied by Miss Austin went to look at the property which had been recommended. Miss Austin expressed her approval of the site and suggested that Miss Cochran be advised of the Board's action and asked to come and give her opinion of it.



February 2, 1968

The Expansion Committee of the Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the National Bank of Athens on Friday morning, February 2, 1968 at 10:30.

Purpose of the meeting was to interview architects who had expressed an interest in planning the new building for the library. Present were: Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, Troutman Wilson, Mrs. J.B. Neighbors, W.W. Wier, George Bullock, Ed Culpepper, David Firor and Sarah Maret. Invited guests were Lauren Goldsmith and Mary Nikos of Heery and Heery, Athens, Miles Scheffer of Miles Scheffer, Inc., Atlanta, Bob Fellers of Jones and Fellows, Augusta, and John M. Jenkins and Wallace Wilkins of Southern Engineering Company of Georgia of Atlanta.

Troutman Wilson, Chairman of the Expansion Committee presided over the meeting and asked that the several representatives draw numbers to indicate the order in which they would talk to the committee.

First to talk to the group was Lauren Goldsmith. He distributed brochures showing work of this company, and personnel employed. He reported that a number of buildings had been built by Heery and Heery in Athens. An advantage of the availability of an architect on the spot was pointed out and that any work done by them would have constant supervision. When asked about rates, he said that the standard A.I.A. fee of 6.75% up to a million dollar contract would be the fee. Miss Nikos then told of the work of the interior designer in connection with a new building and pointed out the advantages of having a designer on the job from the beginning. She said the

cost of furnishing usually ran about 15% of the cost of the building or about \$5.00 to \$6.00 per square foot. Fees vary from 6 to 10 per cent.

Mr. Goldsmith, when asked if he could furnish plans quickly replied that he could. When asked if the firm had designed a library, he said that Heery and Heery has designed and planned the remodeling of the present library building.

The second architect to appear was Miles Scheffer. He said that his office was small, but that he, as an architect, always wants a satisfying job. He gave something of his background which would qualify him for the job of designing the library. A Georgia Tech graduate, he said he worked with the State Department of Education for four years in the school building program, but that since 1956 he had been an independent architect with his own office. At present he has \$950,000.00 worth of work under construction, \$400,000.00 out for bids and \$400,000.00 in process. He designed the library building for Calhoun. Also he designed the Better Maid Plant in Athens.

Bob Fellows of Jones and Fellows was the next to appear. He distributed a brochure which had been made up <sup>s</sup>pecially for the committee. His company, of which he is vice-president, employees between 100 and 125 persons and offer complete service. His brochure contained pictures of recent work of his company and he gave a detailed explanation of the pictures shown. He said that the fee charged was the normal fee as set by the state. He pointed that his company was one of experience and that there

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would be no problem about submitting initial drawings. He reported that his company offered interior design service as well as landscape design.

The last to appear were John M. Jenkins and Wallace Wilkins of the Southern Engineering Co. of Georgia. Mr. Jenkins said that his company was a large company, being 374th in size in the United States. They have architects and engineers all under one roof, have 106 employees and of this number that 12 are architects. They would be able to offer a package deal as they would be able to do a complete job within the company. A 6% fee is the charge on the project. When asked about library buildings, he reported that the company had built libraries only in school buildings. Mr. Wilkins assisted in showing slides of recent buildings they had built.

After all of the architects had appeared, the committee discussed at length the advantages each one offered.

W.W. Wier moved that Heery and Heery be recommended to the Clarke County Commissioners by the Expansion Committee as the architects to be employed.

W.W. Wier moved that the Expansion Committee of the Regional Library Board recommend to the Clarke County Commissioners that the firm of Heery and Heery be employed as architects for the new Athens Regional Library building. Approval will be subject to a clarification of their services and fees. Mrs. Neighbors seconded motion. Motion carried.

It was decided that Assistant County Attorney Culpepper would draw up <sup>necessary documents</sup> and that Chairman of the Board, Mendenhall, would send a formal request to the Commissioners.

Paul E. Thant  
Secretary



February 26, 1968

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the National Bank of Athens on Monday morning, February 26, 1968 at 10:00 a.m. Present were: Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, W.W.Wier, Mrs Robert G. Stephens, Jr., Marvin Perry, Mrs. J.B. Neighbors, Uly Gunn, Miss Natalie Bocock, Clinton G. Adams, Mrs. John Wilkins III, Dr. T.J. Harrold, and Miss Sarah Maret. Assistant County Attorney, Ed Culpepper was also present. Representing the firm, Heery and Heery were, George Heery, Lauren Goldsmith, Innes Parker and Jack Ferguson.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and commended and thanked the director and the library staff for the excellent annual report recently compiled. Board members and visitors were welcomed. She stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the plans for the new library building and that this was necessary before the application for funds could be submitted to the state.

Mr. Heery was introduced. He reviewed the plans for the construction of the new building and gave projected time schedule which he would like to follow and a guide for the architects, the builder and the library board. Mr Parker, who had drawn the plans for the library was introduced. He explained the drawings of the library and stated that it is 20,780 sq. ft. in size. The plans were discussed by the board and several questions were asked. The Board gave its enthusiastic approval of the plans as drawn by the staff of Heery and Heery. Dr. Harrold moved that the plans as

presented be approved by the board. W.W. Wier seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Culpepper said he would draft the board's action in the form of a resolution and present it to the Clarke County Commissioners to approve. (Copy of Resolution attached.)

Mr. Goldsmith asked about employing an interiors consultant to help with decorating the library. Miss Mary Nikos, he explained, is a member of the staff of Heery and Heery, and will help with furniture layout and the built-in equipment, but he recommended that she be employed by the board to plan the interior decoration of the library and help with the purchase of new furniture. It was moved by Mrs. Neighbors that Miss Nikos be employed as interior decorator. Motion seconded by Dr. Harrold. Motion carried.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

*Paul E. Thant*  
*Secretary*



GEORGIA, CLARKE COUNTY:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the County of Clarke have entered into a contract with Heery and Heery, Architects, for architectural services in connection with the construction of the Athens Regional Library; and

WHEREAS, Heery and Heery have submitted schematic designs to said Commissioners for their approval; and

WHEREAS, the Athens Regional Library Board has met and approved said schematic designs;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Athens Regional Library Board approve the schematic phase design document dated February 26, 1968, as prepared by Heery and Heery, Architects, and said design document is hereby approved for submission to the Georgia Department of Education, Library Committee for consideration.

This is to certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed at a duly called meeting of the Athens Regional Library Board, February 26, 1968.

  
Troutman Wilson

April 1, 1968

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the National Bank of Athens on Monday morning, April 1, 1968 at 10:00 o'clock. The following members were present: Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, Troutman Wilson, Marvin Perry, Miss Bocock, Uly Gunn and Sarah Maret. Representatives from Heery and Heery were: Wilmer Heery, George Heery, Lauren Goldsmith, Ennis Parker, and Jack Ferguson. Ed Culpepper, Assistant County Attorney was present as well as Don Smith of the Athens Banner Herald.

Mrs. Mendenhall called the meeting to order and welcomed the Board members and guests. She asked George Heery to give the progress on the proposed building plans. Mr. Heery displayed a lovely colored picture of the library which has been prepared and which is to be a gift to the library from Heery and Heery. It is to be framed and placed in the present library building for display purposes.

Mr. Heery said that the overall plans were on schedule and that we were now in the design development phase of the project. He expected to have the working drawings completed by May 31.

Invitations for bids would be issued on June 17 to be returned by July 8 with the contract to be awarded on July 15. The

building should be completed by March 14, 1969. Mr. Heery showed photographs of bricks to be considered in construction of the building. The Board agreed on color preferred. Mr. Heery reported that it had been decided that anodized aluminum would be used in the upper portions of the sides of the building.

It had been pointed out by the State Reviewing Committee that an elevator would be a very desirable feature of the building if one

could be put in. Costs would be the prime factor facing the library. Mr. Heery reported that it would cost about \$5,000 more than the book lift that had been planned for the building. After some discussion, in favor of the elevator, it was suggested by Mr. Wilson that a meeting be held on Wednesday, April 3, by the Building Committee, to consider further the elevator and how it could be financed.

A letter from Mr. Jack Nix, State Superintendent of Schools, was read telling that the library's plans had been approved by State for a grant of \$250,000.00 for the new building.

There was no further business. Meeting was adjourned.

*Paul E. Thait*  
*Secretary*



ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY  
ATHENS, GEORGIA

April 2, 1968

Mr. Lauren Goldsmith  
Heery & Heery  
Citizens & Southern National Bank Building  
Athens, Georgia

Dear Lauren:

I have been talking with Mr. G. A. Booth of the McGregor Company today with regard to the new library building which your firm is designing for us here in Athens.

I have told Mr. Booth what we had previously told you, that in so far as possible we want the plans and specifications for the library and the equipment therein to be so written that any local vendor will have an opportunity to quote on these materials or this equipment.

Mr. Booth will have Mr. Alex Lowe of his organization contact you, and I would hope that you would keep in mind the importance of having our specifications so written that not only the McGregor Company, but any other local merchants who handle materials that we would use in the building can bid on those articles which affect them.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Troutman Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Troutman Wilson

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cc: Mr. G. A. Booth  
Miss Sarah Maret

April 3, 1968

The Expansion Committee of the Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the National Bank of Athens on Wednesday afternoon, April 4, 1968 at 4:00 p.m.

Present were: Troutman Wilson, Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. J.B. Neighbors, Mrs. Robert Stephens, Jr., Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall and Sarah E. Maret.

Mr. Wilson presided over the meeting. He said that the purpose of the meeting was to give approval to the preliminary drawings for the new library building and to make any recommendations deemed necessary.

The drawings were discussed at length. Several suggestions were made. These included providing locked doors between the auditorium and the Children's Department as well as between the auditorium and the rest of the library. It was recommended that provision be made for more daylight in the lower level, which is to house the bookmobile service and technical services. The Chairman said he would bring this to the attention of the architect. The possibility of having an elevator in the building was also discussed at length. It was the thinking of the group that funds would be forthcoming to pay for this elevator. A potential gift to the library of some \$8,000 would defray the expense of this elevator.

*Sarah E. Maret*  
*Secretary*

May 17, 1968

The Athens Regional Library Board met at the Oglethorpe County Library, Lexington, Georgia on Friday, May 17, 1968 at 5:00 p.m.

Present were:

Clarke County

Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall

Mrs. J.B. Neighbors

Miss Natalie Bocock

Archie Patterson

Sarah Maret

Oglethorpe County

Miss Frances Durham

Mrs. T.C. Brooks

Mrs. E.O. Cabaniss

Mrs. W.G. Callaway

W.T. Cunningham, Jr.

Miss Gussie Reese

Mrs. Prudence Marchman

Madison County

Mrs. Calvin Langford

Mrs. Hiram Whitehead

Oconee County

Mr. and Mrs. Greer Zuber

Following a social hour, Chairman Mendenhall called the meeting to order. She welcomed the members and thanked them for attending. Appreciation was expressed to the members of the Oglethorpe County Library Board for their hospitality. She commended those who had made it possible for the library to have the attractive quarters which it now occupies.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

The Chairman asked for reports from board members from the counties in the region. Miss Durham reported that the Oglethorpe County Library had held quarterly meetings. She expressed appreciation to Mr. Cunningham for the support he had given the library. She said that the board was interested in a multi-purpose building for the county which might house the library. Also, to the Brooks estate for the building in which the library is housed.

Mrs. Zuber of the Oconee County Library Board reported that when the school was moved from Bogart to the central county elementary school, a request came from the alumni of the school for all trophies won by the school to be retained in Bogart. The group wished to house them in a central location and had asked about the library. A place was found for them in the library and Mrs. Zuber reported that the trophies made a very attractive display.

Mrs. Langford of Madison County said their Board had been reactivated and was meeting on occasions and that a multi-purpose building had been approved for the county. The building was to cost \$140,000 and was to house the Madison County Library which is so badly in need of new quarters. She said they were looking forward to the erection of this building.

In the absence of the Expansion Chairman, Miss Maret showed the preliminary drawings of the new building to be built in Athens for the headquarters library. These were discussed as questions were asked. It was pointed out that several groups were interested in doing something for the new library. The Athens Garden Club Council wished to sponsor a "Fragrance Garden" on the grounds. Miss Maret reported that the Library



Consultant, Mrs. Irene Stone, was leaving the library as she was moving to Albany the latter part of May. Mrs. Ann Campbell Prichard is to take her place until July 1, at which time Mrs. Page Riesbol will assume this position.

Miss Maret said that she was planning to attend the meeting of the American Library Association in Kansas City, June 24-29.

A "Dutch" dinner meeting to be held by the Board in the fall was discussed. It was moved by Mr. Patterson that such a meeting be planned and that the husbands and wives be invited to it and that an outstanding speaker be invited. Motion seconded by Miss Durham. Motion carried.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

Ruth E. Thwait  
Secretary

July 11, 1968

The Expansion Committee of the Athens Regional Library Board met at the Clarke County Commissioners office in the Court House on Thursday morning, July 11, 1968 at 9:00 o'clock. Members present of the Committee were: Troutman Wilson, Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, Mrs. J.B. Neighbors, Uly Gunn, W.W. Wier, and Sarah Maret. Commissioners present were George Bullock and David Firor. Also present was Jim Holland, County Engineer, Jimmy Aiken, O.M. Roberts and Paul Martin, and Lauren Goldsmith.

W.W. Wier moved that the Committee approve the Commissioners recommendation that the letting of the bid for the construction of the new library building be postponed until the latter part of August. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Neighbors. Motion carried. This action would allow the prospective construction companies more time in which to work up their bids.

*Sarah E. Thant*  
*Secretary*

July 16, 1968

The Expansion Committee of the Athens-Clarke County Library along with other members of the Board met at the National Bank of Athens on Tuesday afternoon, July 16, 1968 at 3:00 p.m. The following were present: Troutman Wilson, Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, Mrs. J.B. Neighbors, Mrs. Carlton James, Uly Gunn, and Sarah Maret. Mrs Mary Nikos, employed to plan the decoration of the library and Lauren Goldsmith, the architect for the new library building were also present.

Mr. Wilson, chairman of the Expansion Committee, called the meeting to order. He welcomed Mrs. Nikos and Mr. Goldsmith and asked Mrs. Nikos to present plans for the decoration of the new building. She showed pictures of furnishings, samples of carpeting and colors which she planned to use in the building. These were discussed by the members and questions were asked concerning them. The discussing took some two hours. All of the decorations to be used met with the hearty approval of the board members present.

Meeting was adjourned.

*Sarah C Maret*  
*Secretary*

August 8, 1968 (?)

The Expansion Committee of the Athens Regional Library met at the National Bank of Athens on August 8, 1968 (?) at 4 p.m. Present were W.W . Wier, Troutman Wilson, Lauren Goldsmith and Sarah Maret.

Mr. Goldsmith, architect for the new library building, brought the results of the bids which were submitted by contractors to build the facility. He said that two contractors, Baugh and Coody Construction Co. of Albany and Terry Development Corporation of Athens had both placed bids, but that both were some \$54,000.00 above the amount of money available for construction. Mr. Goldsmith reported that he would work on the plans and take out several items which had been included on an alternate basis and try to get within the amount of money available. Members of the committee present agreed that this was necessary and asked the architect to make the necessary adjustments.

Meeting was adjourned.

*Sarah E. Maret*  
*Secretary*



September 18, 1968

The Expansion Committee of the Athens Regional Library met in the Board Room of the National Bank of Athens on Wednesday, September 18, 1968 at 3 p.m.

Present were: Troutman Wilson, Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, W.W.Wier, Mrs. J.B. Neighbors, Mrs. Robert Stephens, George Bullock, Lauren Goldsmith, Jack Ferguson and Sarah Maret.

Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider recommendations from the architect relative to the reduction of costs in the new library building. This was necessary since the bids submitted for construction were some \$54,000 in excess of the money available for construction.

Mr. Goldsmith gave members of the committee a list of suggested reductions to the base bid of the building. The committee accepted the reductions as suggested. The architect was instructed to use copper facing on the outside of the building and walnut paneling on the inside as was originally planned. This was moved by Mr. Wier, seconded by Mrs. Neighbors and carried. It was also moved that the paving of the parking lot as was originally planned be omitted and to ask the Commissioners to help with this when the time came. Motion seconded and carried.

The Committee wished to recommend to the County Commissioners that the Terry Development Corporation be awarded the bid for construction of the new library building. The Committee was invited to meet with the Clarke County Commissioners on September 24 to make a recommendation concerning the letting of the bid.

The fountain which was to be donated by Mr. Howard Benson was to be included in the contract, but was to be paid for by Mr. Benson.

Meeting was adjourned.

Paul E. Thant  
Secretary

Tuesday, September 24, 1968

Members of the Expansion Committee met at the Clarke County Court House in the Commissioners office on Tuesday, September 24, 1968. <sup>at 3 p.m.</sup> Present were, Mrs. F.H.Mendenhall, Troutmen Wilson, W.W.Wier and Sarah Maret. From the Commissioners' office were George Bullock, David Firor and James Holland. A recommendation was made by the library committee that the contract for the construction of the new library building be awarded to the Terry <sup>and Development</sup> Construction Corporation of Athens.

*Sarah E. Maret*  
*Secretary*

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October 16, 1968

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on Wednesday afternoon, October 16, 1968 at 5 p.m.

Present were: Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, Mrs. Robert Stephens, Jr., Clinton Adams, Miss Natalie Eocock, Mrs. John Wilkins III, Marvin Perry, Dr. T.J. Harrold, Uly S. Gunn, Miss Janette Browning, A.C. Patterson, Troutman Wilson and Sarah Maret.

Chairman Mendenhall called the meeting to order. Mr. Wilson moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with. Motion seconded and carried. The secretary gave a summary report of meetings which had been held during the summer months. Mr. Wilson moved that she be thanked for this summary report. Motion seconded and carried.

Correspondence was read. This included a letter from Mr. Culpepper to Mr. Don W. Terry relative to the contract to build the new library building, a copy of a letter to Mr. Alfred L. Davis, from Carlton J. Thaxton about serving as Labor Relations Interviewer and a letter from Miss Jewell C. Hardkopf, Librarian-Management Consultant offering her services as consultant in operations in the new library.

Mr. Wilson, as Chairman of the Expansion Committee, reported that appropriate ceremonies would be held shortly for the ground breaking for the new building. He also reported that the gas company owns property in urban renewal area which they plan to sell to urban renewal and to give the money derived therefrom to the regional library. This should amount to approximately



\$8,000.00. He said that it has been stipulated that the money would have to be spent for books (either the principal or interest derived from it year to year.) It was Mr. Wilson's feeling that if this could be changed (and equipment or furnishing purchased with it) the library would benefit. It was moved by Mr. Wilson that the library accept the gift from the gas company with deep appreciation and that a committee be appointed to see<sup>if</sup> the money<sup>might</sup> be used other than has been stipulated. Motion seconded by Mrs. Stephens. Motion carried. Mrs. Mendenhall asked Mr. Wilson and Mr. Gunn to call on the gas company and ask if the funds could be used to decorate a memorial room rather than to buy books.

Mr. Wilson reported that the bids submitted for building the library had been \$54,000 in excess of the money available. He reported that the Expansion Committee had met with the architect and several things had been taken from the initial specifications on the building. He told what had been taken out to reduce the cost by \$54,000. He said that none of the things taken out would materially affect the building. Also, he reported that Mr. Howard Benson planned to give a lovely fountain to the library. This fountain was to be placed in front of the building, to the west side of the entrance.

The chairman appointed Mr. Perry to serve as chairman of the ground breaking committee. He said he would meet with Mr. Wilson to plan the ceremony and that it should be held within a very short time.

Miss Maret reported for the grounds committee. She said the garden had been cleaned very thoroughly recently and that it was in good condition for the winter. County labor will be available to help clean the garden later. She stated the soil had been

tested by the county agent and the report was that it was in very good condition.

Mr. Patterson, Chairman of the Regional Library Board dinner to be held on December 10, reported the dinner would be held at the Center for Continuing Education. It was moved by Mrs. Wilkins that the price of the dinner would be set at \$4.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion carried. It was suggested that the members of the board send in their money for the dinner when they made their reservations.

The board approved the attendance of Miss Maret and Mrs. Riesbol at the meeting of the Southeastern Library Association in Miami, October 29-November 2.

Miss Maret reported that a Public Library Buildings Institute was to be held in Detroit, November 11-22 and she had made application to attend. It was moved by Mrs. Wilkins and seconded by Miss Bocock that if Miss Maret is selected to attend that she be authorized to do so. Motion carried.

A report was given on the Vacation Reading Club. Throughout the region, 2,516 children registered for the club. Of this number 1,535 received certificates, 854 being gold seal certificates for having read over 25 books during the summer.

The chairman reported that she planned to appoint a committee from the Board to solicit gifts for the new library. She reported that a gift, a ship made of cloves, and constructed in the East was being given to the library by Mrs. Dale Ritchie.

The chairman urged members to think of persons who would make good board members and to suggest them to her or to Miss Maret.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

*Barbara E. Tharnt*  
*Secretary*

December 9, 1968

The Athens Regional Library Board met for a dinner meeting at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education on Monday, December 9, 1968 at 7 p.m.

Members of the Board and invited guests numbered 94.

The invocation was given by Mr. A.C. Patterson, member of the Athens-Clarke County Library Board.

Chairman Mendenhall presided. She welcomed the board members and guests and then presented Mayor Julius Bishop who introduced the guest speaker, the Honorable Carl Sanders, former Governor of Georgia. Mr. Sanders gave an inspiring talk, the account of which is attached with these minutes.

Following Mr. Sanders' talk, Mrs. Mendenhall expressed appreciation to those who had planned the delightful occasion. These were: Mr. Patterson, dinner arrangements; Mrs. Neighbors; Mrs. Wilkins and Mrs. Fuller who arranged the table decorations. She also introduced Miss Maret, the director.

All who attended the dinner agreed that this was the best board meeting they had ever attended and said it would be good to make this an annual occasion.

Meeting was adjourned.

*Raech E. Hunt*  
*Secretary*



December 13, 1968

The Executive Board of the Athens Regional Library met at the National Bank of Athens on Friday morning, December 13, 1968 at 10 a.m.

Present were Chairman Mendenhall, Vice-Chairman, Troutman Wilson, Treasurer, Thomas Milner and Director Sarah E. Maret.

Chairman Mendenhall called the meeting to order. A salary supplement for the year for the staff members of the library was discussed. Mr. Wilson moved that a supplement be granted to the members of the staff, the total of which was not to exceed \$1,000. Motion seconded and carried.

The budget for the year 1969 was presented by the Director. The budget included a small raise for the regular staff members and an increase in the hourly wage paid the part-time workers. Also a raise in the contribution from the City of Athens and the Clarke County Commissioners was included in the budget. Asked for was an increase of \$5,000 from the two contributing agencies. This increase would bring the total from each to \$20,000 per year. It was noted that it had been several years since any increase in funds from these bodies had been asked for. Since no increase had been given in many years by the contributing agencies from the other counties in the region, the Director was asked to try to get more funds from them. The budget was approved as submitted. Mr. Wilson said he would write to the City of Athens and the Clarke County Commissioners sending them the budget and asking for the increase.



The need for new board members was brought to the attention of the Executive Board by Chairman Mendenhall.

Meeting was adjourned.

Raul E. Mart  
Secretary